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Chapter One

Amberblaze was on the border patrol with Peachfur, Graystorm, Lionpelt, and Fireflare. "RedClan's been really annoying lately." Peachfur told the patrol. "I'm going by what you are saying." Lionpelt told the cats. "Duskstar usually puts me on hunting patrols." Amberblaze wondered if they would meet a RedClan patrol. The two clans in the forest were RedClan and BlueClan. She was a BlueClan warrior. "I wish Sunstripe was on this patrol." Fireflare muttered. He dipped his golden head to look at the ground.

"RedClan always listens to her!" Amberblaze shook her head. "Too bad she got hurt by those brambles." She said. "Not only was RedClan respectful to her she was also a good hunter." "She'll be back soon." Peachfur promised the cats. "Bluefeather is treating her well." There was not ever only RedClan

and BlueClan in the forest. There used to be a YellowClan and a GreenClan, too. Many moons ago, RedClan and BlueClan united under the leadership of Flowerstar of RedClan and Foxstar of BlueClan, the ancient leaders of RedClan and BlueClan, drove them out to have their territory.

YellowClan and GreenClan had left and moved to a new territory far, far away. "Okay, let's go and mark those borders!" Amberblaze meowed. "I'm not sitting here and talking all day!" Graystorm nodded. "Good point!" He meowed. When the cats went to mark the borders, they did meet a RedClan patrol. Amberblaze reconized Raincloud, Blackwhisker, Waspfur, Snakepelt, and Smokepaw. "What are you doing here?" Raincloud hissed, her gray tail lashing with anger. "Marking our borders like any cat." Graystorm replied. "You're too close to ours." Blackwhisker hissed. "Snakepelt," Smokepaw asked his mentor. "May I shred them?" "Only with my say-so." Snakepelt growled. "We'll mark the borders and be on our way." Lionpelt told the RedClan cats smoothly. "Mark the border and *leave*." Waspfur hissed. "That's what we were going to do in the

first place." Amberblaze hissed back to Waspfur. *Sometimes RedClan doesn't make sense.* "Let's go," Peachfur meowed. "We marked the borders. Let's not waste anymore time here." She padded away. "That was stupid." Amberblaze growled. "What a waste of time."

When the patrol came back to camp, Amberblaze went to the medicine cat's den. Bluefeather was in there, sorting herbs. "Marigold....Horsetail....Feverfew....Goldenrod...." She mumbled. She then noticed Amberblaze. "Oh! Amberblaze! Come in!" Once Amberblaze settled down, Bluefeather asked, "Are you okay? Are you hurt?" "I'm fine." Amberblaze answered. "Where's Goldpaw-oh! I mean Goldfur." She corrected herself. The golden colored tom had earned his clan name last night when he and Bluefeather went to talk to StarClan-their warrior ancestors-at the Moontree. He had earned his name along with Maplecloud, the apprentice to the RedClan medicine cat, Hawkfur. Bluefeather and Hawkfur had talked and they decided that Goldpaw and Maplepaw were ready. So they got the names Goldfur and Maplecloud. The medicine cats were friends and they liked each other. They stayed out of clan rivalries and shared news with each other. Bluefeather looked disappointed. "So you want to talk to him instead of me? I never get any visitors anymore. Unless it's to heal a scratch." Amberblaze felt bad. "Oh, that's fine. I just wanted to talk to a medicine cat. I would honestly be more than happy to talk with you." Bluefeather nodded. "Okay, sure." She said.

Chapter Two

"All cats old enough to catch their own prey join here for a clan meeting!"

A clan meeting! *Last time it was because Willowstream and Snowstorm found a RedClan cat in our territory. I wonder what it will be about this time.*

Amberblaze found a seat next to Toadfur. "I wonder what it will be!" He was jumping around like a kit. Amberblaze shrugged. "Who knows?" She meowed. "Be quiet, you two! Duskstar's about to start!" Snowstorm hissed. The senior warrior, Foxtail, silenced him. "Shut up, Snowstorm. You're making more noise than them." He snapped. Snowstorm looked embarrassed to be yelled at by a senior warrior. He nodded and sat down.

"I have great news for the clan." He began. Amberblaze looked around. He was sitting on the highrock. His medicine cat, Bluefeather, was on his left with Goldfur. On his right was Squirreltail, his deputy. "Today we have four new warriors and three new apprentices. Flashpaw, Leafpaw, Flarepaw, and Wolfpaw." He continued. He beckoned Flashpaw forward with a flick of his tail. Flashpaw was looking very excited. "Flashpaw, do you swear to uphold the warrior code even at the cost of your life?" Duskstar questioned.

"I do." Answered Flashpaw, quivering with excitement. "Then by the powers of StarClan, I give you your warrior name. Flashpaw, from this moment on, you will be known as Flashfire. StarClan thanks you for your courage and spirit." Wolfpaw, Leafpaw, and Flarepaw earned their names as Wolfsong, Leaftail, and Flarestripe. "Flashfire! Wolfsong! Leaftail! Flarestripe!" The clan called out. The four cats went and sat with the warriors. Gingerwing and Redfur, who had been the parents of Flashfire, Wolfsong, Leaftail, and Flarestripe looked very proud. So did Graystorm, Ratfur, Peachfur, and Foxtail. They had mentored the four new warriors. "That is not all," Duskstar reminded his clan. We still have some new apprentices to

name."

He looked at Flarelily's kits. They looked ready to be apprentices. "Flarelily's kits have reached their sixth moon. It is time for them to become apprentices." He then beckoned the three kits forward. "Whitekit, Gingerkit, and Jaykit," He began. "From this day forward, until you earn your warrior name you will be known as Whitepaw, Gingerpaw, and Jaypaw. Whitepaw, your mentor will be Sandberry. Gingerpaw, your mentor will be Applefur. Jaypaw, your mentor will be Firebird." Amberblaze watched as the three apprentices ran off to their mentors. "The meeting is dismissed." Duskstar said and disappeared to their mentors.

Jaywillow ran to Amberblaze. "It's a full moon tonight!" She yowled happily.

"We get to go to the gathering!" Every full moon, BlueClan went to a gathering with RedClan. That was the only time the two clans met in peace.

"It depends on if Duskstar lets us go." Amberblaze meowed. "Oh, don't spoil her excitement." Yellowberry meowed from behind them. "I'm sure Duskstar will let her go. Besides, she hasn't been for a while now." Yellowberry was the oldest BlueClan warrior. *She'll be retiring to the Elder's den soon*. Amberblaze thought. The Elder's den was already crowded. Mossbelly had been in there for a half moon. Mistywing had retired a lot early due to hearing loss. Redpelt and Brakentail had been in there for as long as Amberblaze could remember.

"Hey, Amberblaze!" Wildfur called. "I'm taking out a hunting patrol. Wanna come?" Amberblaze was eating a robin she had picked out from the fresh-kill pile. "Who's all going?" She asked. "I invited Blackwing, Shelltail, Peachfur, and Snowstorm." Wildfur answered. "Sure, I'll come." Amberblaze meowed.

On the patrol the six cats were walking around in the forest. "Can we just split up and go hunting?" Asked Amberblaze. Wildfur shrugged. "Sure. I don't see why not." "Thanks!" Amberblaze purred, than ran off.

Where's the prey around here? Where's the prey? Amberblaze asked herself. Then, she spotted a squirrel. *Perfect!* She thought. She crept closer, than she pounced and killed it. She picked it up and carried it over to the patrol.

When Amberblaze came back, she had a squirrel and a sparrow. "Great catches!" Flashfire congratulated her. "I'll totally take that squirrel!"

Jaywillow padded up to her. "It's about time to go to the gathering!" She meowed. "Duskstar said you and I could go!" Amberblaze nodded. "Cool!" She meowed. "I can't wait!" "Where were you anyway?" Asked Jaywillow.

Amberblaze licked her paw and drew it over her ear. "I was out hunting." She answered. "You should have invited me!" Jaywillow meowed. "You're my best friend!" Amberblaze felt bad for Jaywillow. "It wasn't my choice." She answered. "Wildfur invited me." Jaywillow's blue eyes stretched wide. "Oh, I see now." She said. "It was you and Wildfur's moment, wasn't it?"

"No," Amberblaze meowed harshly. "He invited A few other cats, too"

Chapter Three

At the gathering, Amberblaze looked for Jaywillow. *She was right behind me last time I looked but now she's gone.* Amberblaze thought. *She pops up and disappears*. "Jaywillow!" Amberblaze called. "Jaywillow!" No answer. *This is so annoying*. Amberblaze thought. She saw a streak of gray fur pass by. Jaywillow! She followed Jaywillow to a group of RedClan cats. *Perhaps she wants to talk to old friends*. Amberblaze thought. *That's normal at a gathering*. "Jaywillow! We got to talk!!" She hissed, annoyed.

She then slapped him with her tail. "Jaywillow! For StarClan's sake! Listen!"

Jaywillow spun around. "His name's not Jaywillow," Said a tabby. *His?* Amberblaze thought. "This is Waterblaze." Amberblaze suddenly noticed that this cat looked very different from Jaywillow. He did have the same gray tabby markings as Jaywillow, but his fur was more blue than gray. Jaywillow had a light gray tabby coat with light blue eyes. Waterblaze had a blue-gray tabby coat with pale blue eyes. "Okay. Um...sorry you guys. Sorry 'Waterblaze'." Amberblaze awkwardly apologized. Waterblaze didn't seem to mind her little accident. "It's totally fine." He told her, purring. Amberblaze felt weird. *Does he like me?* She thought. *No, he can't. It would be against the warrior code to like a cat from another clan*. "Well anyway, I'll be going now. I have a friend I'm trying to find." Amberblaze meowed, weirdly. She tried to pad away. Waterblaze stopped her. "Please," He meowed to her. "Please stay." Amberblaze padded away. "No thank you," She said. "I need to find Jaywillow." Amberblaze scampered away. She ran a bit. *Woah! There are a lot of cats here! I didn't know how many cats BlueClan and RedClan had all together!* She thought. She then spotted a gray, tabby pelt. *Jaywillow! For this time, really!* "Jaywillow" She yowled. Hoping to not run into another tomcat. "Yes, Amberblaze?" Asked Jaywillow. "Look, we need to talk." Amberblaze meowed. Jaywillow purred. "About what?" Amberblaze was clueless. "Is it Wildfur?" Asked Jaywillow. Amberblaze shook her head. "No, not Wildfur, but we

can talk about him if you like." Jaywillow looked happy. "Sure," She said. "So this one time-" Snowstorm shot up from his seat. "Be quiet!" He hissed. "The meeting is about to start!" Foxtail shot up, too. "Snowstorm!" He yowled. "Sit down, now!" Snowstorm sat down. "Okay, Foxtail, jeez." Duskstar rose to his paws. "I will speak first." Coralstar-the RedClan leader-nodded. "Very well," She said. "BlueClan is doing well. We have four new warriors. Flashfire, Wolfsong, Flarestripe and Leaftail." Cats from both clans started chanting their names. "Flashfire! Wolfsong! Flarestripe! Leaftail!" Amberblaze looked behind her to see the four new warriors. They looked proud. "We also have three new apprentices." Duskstar went on. "Gingerpaw, Jaypaw, and Whitepaw." Again, the two clans chanted their names. "Gingerpaw! Jaypaw! Whitepaw!" Duskstar nodded to Coralstar to speak. "RedClan is thriving, too. We have two new warriors. Embertail and Marshfur." "Embertail! Marshfur!" The two clans said. "The gathering is dismissed." Coralstar said.

Waterblaze ran up to Amberblaze. "Meet me at the half moon," He told her. She opened her mouth to speak, but Waterblaze was gone.

Chapter Four

"An omen! An omen!" Bluefeather yowled as she raced out of the medicine cat's den. Amberblaze woke up. Duskstar ran out of his den. "An omen?" He asked. "Yes! An omen! An omen of the tree!" Bluefeather yowled. Last night was the gathering. Duskstar's eyes widened. "You mean the Moontree?" "Yes! The Moontree!" Bluefeather yowled. "StarClan gave me a dream!" Duskstar looked at her. "What did they have you dream?" Bluefeather took a deep breath. "So I was walking in the forest and I stepped in a mud puddle, but this was a silver mud puddle, and then a piece of straw flew down from the sky and once it hit the mud puddle, the straw turned golden! Oh! There was a prophecy, too. After that, StarClan cats whispered in my ear, *The great ending is near, two stars in the sky are the last hope before the end.*"

Amberblaze's eyes widened. *A prophecy and an omen!* She got up and padded outside. She then looked around camp. Most of the cats were gone. Then, she noticed that besides Flarelily, Wolfsong, and Berrytail, she was the only cat still in the warrior's den.

Amberblaze was out in the forest. She had decided to go on a walk. She was not needed out on hunting patrols or border patrols. The clan deputy, Squirreltail, told her she had the patrols all handled out. *I'll visit Twolegplace!* Amberblaze thought. Clan cats were ordered to stay away from Twolegplace but Amberblaze didn't care. *No cat will find me.* She thought.

Amberblaze padded through Twolegplace. She had hunted a few garden birds. She had also teased a few Kittypets and sent them running home with nipped tails. *That was fun.* Amberblaze thought. I must do this more often.

On the way home, Amberblaze walked through the forest dragging a pigeon and a squirrel. *Great hunting!* She thought. She spotted a silver Kittypet sniffing around in the woods a fox-length ahead. *More Kittypets?* She thought. She walked toward the Kittypet. The

Kittypet looked at Amberblaze. Amberblaze expected it to let out a terrified screech and run but this Kittypet stayed where she was and looked at Amberblaze. "Hello, how are you today?" The Kittypet asked. "Good...." Answered Amberblaze. "My name's Bella, what's yours?" Asked Bella. "Amberblaze." Amberblaze said. "Amberblaze.... what a weird name. Why did your Housefolk name you that?" *Housefolk? I don't have any Housefolk! This stupid Kittypet better watch what she says!* "Well?" Bella clearly wanted an answer. "Why are you here?" Asked Amberblaze, ignoring Bella's question. Bella looked at the ground. "I ran away from my Housefolk," She confessed. "They brought home this new cat named Smokey. Smokey made me leave. I want to live with the wild forest cats. Do you know them?" Bella looked at Amberblaze, with wide, hopeful eyes. "Actually," Amberblaze began. "I am one." Bella's eyes gleamed. "Really?" Amberblaze nodded. "Yes, really," "Can I live with you?" Asked Bella. Amberblaze was nervous. What would her Clanmates think if she brought back a Kittypet? Amberblaze was willing to try. We need more young cats to train. We only have two apprentices left, Patchpaw and Sandpaw, and Gingerbird's litter, Zebrakit, Mudkit, Shadowkit, and Badgerkit are way too young! "We can try," Amberblaze finally said. Bella looked worried. "What if they don't like me? What if they make fun of me?" "That won't happen," Amberblaze meowed. "I promise,"

Chapter Five

"Starpaw! Starpaw!" Bella had been welcomed into the clan! Her clan name was Starpaw. "If she ever becomes leader, her name will be Starstar!" Joked Jaywillow next to her. Amberblaze elbowed her. "It's not funny," She meowed. "Why did you bring Starpaw here in the first place?" Asked Jaywillow. "We need more young cats to train," Amberblaze answered. "True, but training a Kittypet? That'll be impossible!" Jaywillow snickered. "No, it'll be possible, she even got Ratfur as a mentor! He's the most up-going cat in the clan! He can train anyone!" Amberblaze told Jaywillow. *It's clear Jaywillow doesn't like Kittypets. She'll have to learn to like this one, at least.*

Amberblaze was on a border patrol. *Starpaw went out in the training hollow with Ratfur. I hope she does well!* Yellowberry, Snowstorm, Foxtail, and Flamestripe were with her. "I went on the border patrol yesterday and the day before that...." Foxtail was grumbling. "Well, maybe Duskstar decided you need some exercise." Yellowberry reasoned with him. "It seems you've been in the warrior's den for moons!" Snowstorm and Flamestripe agreed. Even Amberblaze joined in. "What do you guys think of Starpaw?" Flarestripe asked. Snowstorm shrugged. "She's okay, I guess." Foxtail laughed. "What was Duskstar thinking when he brought a Kittypet into BlueClan? What a mouse-brain!" Yellowberry swiped her yellow tabby tail over his mouth. "For StarClan's sake stop!" She scolded. "You're talking about our leader!" Flarestripe and Amberblaze nodded. "She's right," Flarestripe meowed. "Yeah," Amberblaze agreed.

When the three cats got back from the patrol, Yellowberry said, "Well, that was peaceful. No RedClan to bother us." Amberblaze nodded. "I'm going to pick out something from the fresh-kill pile," She meowed.

Amberblaze was eating the mouse she picked out of the fresh-kill pile. Starpaw walked up to her. "Hello, how's your training going?" Amberblaze asked. "Good," Starpaw responded. "Do you want to share this squirrel with me?" Amberblaze offered. "I can't eat it all

by myself." Starpaw nodded. "Sure," She meowed. "Have you ever had fresh-kill before?" Amberblaze asked. "Yes, when I was a lost Kittypet, I learned how to hunt." Starpaw responded. "Cool," Amberblaze meowed.

Chapter Six

Starpaw was out training. They were in the training hollow. "Today, I'm going to teach you the Back Kick." Ratfur told Starpaw. "All you do is judge your opponent's distance from you carefully. Then lash out with your back legs, taking your weight on your front paws." Starpaw nodded. "Okay," *Is the whole life of a warrior fighting and hunting?* She thought. "I have also asked Lionpelt to help with today's training." Ratfur continued. "He's on a hunting patrol right now, so until he gets back, Whiteheart is going to help you learn this." Whiteheart padded up. "Are we ready?" She asked. Ratfur nodded. "Yes," He meowed. Lionpelt then padded up. "Are we ready-hey! What's Whiteheart doing here?" He asked. "Whiteheart was going to help Starpaw learn the Back Kick." Ratfur answered. Ratfur then turned to Whiteheart. "I thank you for your readiness to help an apprentice who isn't even clanborn learn things that she needs to thrive in BlueClan, but now that Lionpelt is here, I would ask you to leave." Whiteheart dipped her head and left. *That was rude, and dramatic.* Starpaw thought. "So, anyway," Ratfur meowed. "Lionpelt is here so we're going to have you learn the move." Lionpelt nodded. "Lionpelt, can you demonstrate?" Ratfur asked. Lionpelt nodded. Starpaw watched as Lionpelt jumped in the air. He unsheathed his claws and kicked. "Now that is a Back Kick." Lionpelt meowed as he groomed himself. "Starpaw, can you try now?" Ratfur asked. Starpaw gulped. It looked hard. What if she couldn't do it? "I'll try," Starpaw meowed. She jumped, she unsheathed her claws but she landed on the ground with a thud. *Owch! How did Lionpelt stay in the air?* She then passed out.

When she woke, Bluefeather was standing over her with her apprentice, Goldfur, holding some Poppy seed in his mouth. She got up from her moss bed. Amberblaze, Lionpelt, and Ratfur were there. "Will she be okay?" Lionpelt asked. Bluefeather nodded. "Yes, she just hit her head really badly." Then she turned to her apprentice. "Goldfur, can you please give her some Poppy seed?" She asked. Goldfur nodded. He gave Starpaw two Poppy seeds to swallow. "How do you feel?" He asked. "Fine," Starpaw meowed. Amberblaze

turned to Ratfur. "Maybe the Back Kick is a move for older apprentices?" She grumbled.

Chapter Seven

Amberblaze was dreaming. She was walking in the woods. *What a nice day.* She thought. Then, a little gray figure scurried by. Amberblaze licked her lips. *A mouse!* She thought. Then she crouched into the hunting crouch. The mouse didn't notice her. She pounced, the mouse was dead. She then ate it, and carried onto her walk.

Amberblaze was still walking. Two white dots flew around her. They started saying, *"Amberblaze, follow us, we need to show you something,"* The white dots then dashed away. "Wait!" Amberblaze called. "You needed to show me something!" Amberblaze yowled and ran after them.

Once she caught up to them, the two white dots turned into cats. One was Featherstar, a white she-cat also the leader before Duskstar. The other one was Nightdapple, a white she-cat dappled with black also the ancient BlueClan medicine cat. "Come with us," Nightdapple invited Amberblaze. "We must show you something."

Featherstar and Nightdapple led the way to the Moontree. "Two stars are the last hope until the end." Feathersar whispered. Amberblaze looked into a puddle. It reflected her! But wait! Starpaw was also in the reflection! *They mean me!* Amberblaze thought. *Starpaw and I are the two stars in the sky!* Amberblaze looked back. Nightdapple and Featherstar were gone. But Featherstar's voice was speaking to her. "The great ending is near. Two stars in the sky are the last hope before the end." She told Amberblaze. *Starpaw and I are the stars in Bluefeather's prophecy!*